

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of directly funding projects comprising:
soliciting proposals desiring funding; posting said proposal on a server;
connecting said server to the Internet and receiving an inquiry from at
least one client device concerning said proposal, wherein said inquiry
comprises a direct transfer of money or a pledge.
2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said project
is an art project.
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said project
is a science project.
4. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said project is a not for
profit organization.
5. (Canceled)
6. (Canceled)
7. (Amended) The method of ~~claim 5~~ claim 1, wherein said direct
transfer of money comprises receiving a credit card debit authorization
from a client.
8. (Amended) The method of ~~claim 5~~ claim 1, wherein said direct
transfer of money comprise payment of Internet cash to the solicitor.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of crediting funds to the project desiring funds.

10. (Amended) A network based system of direct funding of projects comprising: at least one client device; at least one server; and wherein said server includes software which posts on the Internet proposals desiring funding and receives inquiries to the posting from the at least one client and software to allocate funds based on the inquiries to the projects.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) A network based system of direct funding of projects comprising: a means for soliciting proposals desiring funding; a means for posting the proposals on a server; a means for connecting the server to the Internet; and a means for receiving an inquiry from a client device responding to the proposals.

13. (Amended) The network based system of ~~claim 11~~ claim 12, further comprising a means for distributing finds to the authors of the proposals.